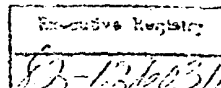


The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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Honorable William Proxmire, Vice Chairman
 Subcommittee on International Trade,
 Finance, and Security Economics
 Joint Economic Committee
 United States Congress
 Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Vice Chairman:

Thank you for your 19 October 1982 letter to Bill Casey inviting a Central Intelligence Agency spokesperson to present an assessment of the state of the Soviet economy and its prospects before the Joint Economic Committee. We would be very pleased to brief the Committee in executive session. Mr. Henry S. Rowen, Chairman of the National Intelligence Council, will represent the Agency before the Committee. Representatives of our Legislative Liaison Division will contact your staff regarding the details of the briefing.

Sincerely,

John N. McMahon
 Acting Director

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